

# NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA

## TWO FATAL ACCIDENTS.

**Three Deaths Result—A Dynamiter at Work—Other Pittston News.**

Special to the Scranton Tribune.

Pittston, Dec. 22.—Within the past twenty-four hours two fatal accidents have happened at the No. 6 colliery of the Erie Coal company at Inkerman recording three and probably four deaths. The first accident occurred some time during Friday and the other yesterday afternoon. John Albrecht, brick and Demotis Philipps, Busman Poles, were the victims of a fall of rock, and Nicholas Ross, a breaker boy, fell into a culm-chute, was drawn out in the loading of a car and died five hours later.

Albrecht was a miner and his brother, Michael and Philipps, were his laborers. They were at work in the colliery closed down for the day at 10 o'clock which morning, neither of the men returned to their homes. Their non-arrival up to 10 o'clock that evening caused some uneasiness among their friends and a search was started.

When the bushes in which they worked was searched it was found that a large fall of rock had taken place, crushing the three men beneath it.

Albrecht and Philipps were dead, their bodies being in horrible shape. Michael Albrecht was alive, although injured in a frightful manner, one of his arms being crushed near the shoulder and the body otherwise badly bruised. He was taken to the Pittston hospital and the physicians at that place say there is absolutely no hope for his recovery.

The bodies of the dead men were taken to their boarding house at Brownsville, Pittston township. Here, however, those caring for the dead found the door barred against them, and they were positively refused admittance by the boarding mistress. After parleying with the woman for over an hour the ambulance was finally driven to Donnelly's undertaking establishment and the bodies left in its morgue where they still remained tonight, the victim to be buried tomorrow by the local authorities. Just when the accident occurred is not known, but the rigid and distorted condition of the two bodies indicate they had been dead some time.

The accident which cost young Ross his life occurred Saturday afternoon. He was employed about No. 6 breaker and in some unaccountable manner fell into the pocket, unknown to any of his fellow workers. That he was not suffocated instantly was due to the fact that the refuse was being drawn from the pocket at the time and within a minute or more Ross's body was drawn through the opening and into the culm car. He was still living and was hurried in an ambulance to the home of his parents on Spring street at the rear of South Main street, where he died last night about 10 o'clock. He was sixteen years old, and of Italian nationality.

A dastardly dynamite outrage was perpetrated on North Main street, this city, Saturday morning about 3:30 o'clock, when some miscreant placed a stick of the high explosive at the front entrance to the saloon of Peter Kitzke, a Lithuanian. Every window in the front of the building, which is a brick structure three stories high, was shattered, and several names in the houses on either side and directly opposite were broken. The detonation was felt even in West Pittston. Fortunately the building was not blown apart and no persons injured. That the damage was not greater was probably due to the fact that the explosive which was set off with a fuse, was placed on the outer edge of the stone sill. Suspicion points to an Irishman, who was ordered out of the saloon a few days ago. A warrant has been issued for his arrest.

The convention of the State Stony Creekmen's association, which was to have been held here yesterday, failed to materialize, only half a dozen delegates putting in an appearance. This is interpreted to mean that the organization has practically gone to pieces.

Ever since the failure of the stonemasons' strike last summer, the organization which was composed almost exclusively of men employed about coal mines, has been discussing the advisability of organizing and becoming affiliated with the United Mine Workers. This will be the main responsibility of the course adopted by the members, although the organization has not formally taken such action.

A child of Mr. and Mrs. John Henschell, of West Pittston, is sick with influenza.

Patrick Sammon, an aged resident of Schencktop, was found dead in bed Friday morning.

The strike of the school teachers of Pittston township has been settled, and the teachers are won. After several conferences an agreement has been reached which is satisfactory to both parties. The teachers will be paid one month's salary immediately, and will be paid monthly hereafter, and will have "first chance" at the funds in the treasury for their back salaries. The schools will reopen January 6.

Wallace Nimm is visiting his mother here, after a year's absence in Indian Territory and Michigan.

Father McHale continues to administer his congregation on the evils of the dance hall, the gambling ring and the cocking marts, and his influence is being felt, especially by the management of the numerous dances conducted here each week.

## TUNKHANNOCK.

Special to the Scranton Tribune.

Tunkhannock, Dec. 22.—Mr. and Mrs. John D. Brown left Saturday for Sunbury, where they will spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Burgess, formerly of this place.

Mrs. W. D. Sampson, who has been

national Correspondence schools of Scranton, spent Sunday at his home on Maple street.

Miss Smith and Miss Phillips, teachers at the Ariel High school, are spending the holidays at their homes.

Horace Bidwell has a temporary barber shop at the Lake house, and will move to Scranton in a few days to work at his profession.

We are pained to hear of the sudden illness of William Silkman, of Scranton. Mr. Silkman has a host of friends in this place who hope for his speedy recovery.

Mr. J. H. Stolt was a caller in town on Saturday evening.

Carl Kellum is on the sick list and is contemplating a trip to Hot Springs, Ark., shortly, for his health.

## AVOCA.

The cantata, entitled "Star of Light," will be given in the Langdale church on Christmas day, with sixty voices. Thomas Parry, leader; Margaret Allman, organist; James Oliver, violin; Mr. Price, cornet. In the Primitive Methodist church the children will entertain tomorrow evening. In St. Mary's church, Sheehan's orchestra will accompany the choir at the first and last mass.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Michael Munley, twin daughters.

The following people will be with us on Christmas day: Misses Mabel Allen, Kate Cunningham and William Mc-

## PICTURE PUZZLE.

(COPRIGHTED.)



Santa Claus is here! Can you find him?

Him?

Solutions for Last Week's Puzzles:

Monday, Dec. 16.—One goose is under the wing, and her chick tame the other.

Tuesday, Dec. 17.—My cake is doughy.

Saturday, Dec. 21.—"Theo" lies the head that wears a crown?

Andrew, of Stroudsburg Normal school; Thomas Burns and John Hodges, of Easton academy; E. Clark, of University of Pennsylvania; John O'Malley, of Newark; Newell and Michael Devens, of Cheverud county.

The lecture course for the Wyoming County Teachers' Institute is as follows: Monday evening, December 30, Mana, the magdalen; Tuesday evening, Byron W. King in his lecture, "All the World's a Stage"; Wednesday evening, Booker T. Washington in his lecture, "The Solution of the Race Problem in the South"; Thursday evening, J. Williams Macey, the humorist.

Mr. and Mrs. William Mosher leave today with their household goods for Dalton, where they will make their home hereafter.

James Carey is employed as salesman at the Consumers' store, on Tioga street.

Roland McNab has returned from Philadelphia, where he has been in the advertising business.

Harry Kittredge, a student at State College will spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William C. Kittredge, on Susquehanna avenue.

Mac Kutz and Daisy Carlis are visiting friends at Wilkes-Barre this week.

Bradley E. Wakeman, who has been confined to his home, on Warren street, is able to be on the street again.

The ladies of the Methodist church will hold a sale of baked stuff and fancy articles in the library building on Saturday.

Miss Anna Brown, of Hallstead, was calling on friends in town Thursday.

Mrs. M. V. Vall is visiting relatives in Scranton.

Miss Pearl Brown, of Heart Lake, visited at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Snyder this week.

Mrs. F. N. Davenport, who has been spending several months with her husband's parents here, returned to her home in Yonkers, N. Y., Wednesday.

Miss Little Woodhouse, one of the teachers in our school, will spend the holidays with her parents at Dimmick.

## ARIEL.

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Ariel, Dec. 22.—Mr. D. W. Brundage, formerly barber at Hotel Columbia, has moved the shop furniture to Homestead where he now has a shop in the Alien House. Dan is a hustler in his line, and has a host of friends in this town and all wish him success in his new field of labor.

The Consumers' Ice company have a large force of carpenters at work repairing the ice houses at this place, and getting everything in readiness to store some cold water.

The Methodist Episcopal church will have a Christmas tree in the basement of the church on Christmas eve, after which supper and games will be in order.

Leslie Simons is home from the Wyoming seminary for the holidays and has the foot ball smile on.

E. D. Keyes, solicitor for the Inter-

## Theatrical.

### TODAY'S ATTRACTIONS.

ACADEMY—Githney-Hoeller company, Night STAR—Wine, Women and Song company. Afternoon and night.

"Eben Holden."

"Eben Holden," adapted to the stage by Edward E. Rose and presented by a company drawn from the best resources of Charles Frohman's troupe, will open at the Academy on Christmas night. "Eben Holden" is said to have been greatly successful in transferring the charm of the original "Eben Holden" from the printed page to the living, moving form. He has taken the love story of the book—and where is there a prettier romance?—and made it a drama of the highest order. The beginning of the play "Will Brower" and "Dope" have just passed from childhood into more active scenes and realization of their love for each other.

These young people are impersonated by Eddie Riedel and Lucille Flanner.

Mr. E. M. Gandy has the principal part,

bring him to it all the charm of his personal

and the artifice for which he is noted.

Other members of the company are William Harris, John Frederick Cook, Jim Wilson, J. H. Bradbury, Lee Hardiman, Sidney Price, Richard NeSmith, Louis Payne, Lucile Flanner, Kate Donahue, Kenny Bishop, Annie Watson and Marie Denckle. Seats are now on sale.

**Sag Harbor.**

"Monte Carlo" gave place to another of Eddie's successes, the famous Home play of "Sun Harbor," which opened to an enormous attendance. To say that it was received with favor but faintly expresses the enthusiasm of the audience. Every one of the principal scenes of the play was applauded, and there were curtain calls for Eddie, George, and Eddie, and Charles Horne and other members of the cast at the close of every act. It would be like rehearsing an old story or retelling a tale which must be familiar to all to attempt to enter into any detailed description of "Sun Harbor."

Captain Dan Matthe, which this season is

one of the most effective plays on the stage, and the famous matinee matinee of the drill

old, amateur and half-amateur, with which all residents of New England coast resorts are familiar. His wowing of Elizabeth Ann turns one of the most amusing threads of comedy, but none the less convincing comedy in the play. Associated with Eddie in the play is Eddie's mother, Mrs. Eddie, who last Monday night made Eddie's debut in the role of Martha Besse and scored a pronounced success. This is the character originally impersonated by her sister, Miss Julie Horne, Franklin Hitchcock and John Dean play the brothers most acceptably and Miss Sol Smith, who holds to her original rôle, is also good. Eddie's mother is stout, U. S. O'Brien, as the town boy and sun painter makes the most of one of the strongest comedy parts, while Miss Billie Devereux, who has the rôle of Elizabeth Ann, and Miss Clive Kelly, who plays the music teacher, are likewise clever. Eddie & Co. have provided a very elaborate stage setting for the play, one helping with the decorations, another with the Boston theater stage.

"Sag Harbor" comes to the Lyceum Christmas day with matinee and evening performances. Seats go on sale this morning at 9 o'clock.

**Gibney-Hoeller Company.**

The Gibney-Hoeller company, who come to the Academy tonight for a week, open in "A Woman in Black." Manager Hoeller states his is the only operetta company playing the larger cities. So far they have played three shows, and the audience has been steady in St. Louis, Indianapolis, Dayton, Toledo, Columbus, and go from here to Wilkes-Barre.

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**DANCING PARROTS**

Talking parrots, parakeets, goldfinches, bullfinches, etc.

**FERRETS**

Guinea hounds, bull terriers, fox terriers, Belgian dogs, guinea pigs, Fox, 315 Spruce street.

**INVITATION**

The beautiful layout of

the house, the ornaments, the flowers, the

lighting, the decorations, the

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